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List of Power Projects in pipeline for World Bank Assistance

SI. No	Name of the Project	Capacity
1.	Nathpa Jhakri HEP	1500 MW
2.	Sardar Sarovar HEP	1450 MW
3.	Chandrapur TPS (MSEB)	1000 MW
4.	Koyna HEP	1000 MW
5.	Narmadasagar HEP	1000 MW
6.	North Karanpura STPS	1000 MW
7.	Tenughat TPS	630 MW

Shifting of DVC's

553. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:
SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY.
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether DVC has decided to shift its headquarters from Calcutta to Maithon; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Implementation of New Drag Policy

554. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any analysis has been made by Government to assess the extent of implementation of the new drug policy, 1986 in the matter of withdrawal of banned drugs from the market and to make available the life saving drugs at reasonable rates besides their quality control and

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof stating the deficiences, if any, identified in the new drug policy, 1986 or in its implementation and the measures contemplated by Government to remove the same?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The Policy measures are being implemented and it is too early to make the final assessment about the impact of the same.

Production of Truck and Bus Tyres

555. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of truck and has shot up by 22 per cent in 1988;

(b) whether it is also a fact that inspite of the higher production, the prices of tyres have not shown any signs of decline; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to bring about reduction in prices of tyres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): Yes, Sir.

(b) According to Automotive Tyre Manufacturers Association, prices of vari ous categories of tyres were increased by the tyre companies ranging from 2% to 6% in October, 1988.

(c) There is no statutory control over the prices of tyres. However, Govern ment have already placed import of cer tain categories of bus and truck tyres on O. G. L. at a reduced rate of duty in order to keep a check on prices of such tyres.

Setting up of growth Centres in the Country

556. SHRI CHTTTA BASU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Ques-

tion 1970 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th November, 1988 and state how many 'Growth Centres' have so far been set up in the Country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DE VELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): The new "Growth Centre" Scheme has been announced only recently and the State Governments have been asked to send their proposals for identification of the Growth Centres.

Schemes to generate employment through Khadi and Village Industries Board

557. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since formulated some new schemes to generate employment through Khadi and Village Industries Board;

(b) if so, what are the details of the schemes; and

(c) what is the anticipated increase of new employment and the financial involvement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) Khadi and Village Industry programmes generate employment basically in the non-farm sector. With the amendment of Khadi & Village Industries Act the scope of Village Industries has been widened. In pursuance thereof KVIC has identified 34 new industries in addition to existing 26 village industries for being taken up during 1988-89. This will further increase employment opportunities in the rural sector.

Besides the ongoing schemes the new schemes are expected to generate additional employment for 10,000 persons with a financial involvement of Rs. 12 crores.

Ashok Paper Mill, Assam

558. SHRIMATI BUOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ashok Paper Mill in Assam remains closed for a long period of time inspite of its high-quality paper production;

(b) if so, what are the reasons behind its closure;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government of Assam requested Hindustan Paper Corporation for taking over management of the Ashok Paper Mill in Assam; and

(d) if so, what is the Central Government's reaction to the request of the Government of Assam?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Ashok Paper Mills has two units one at Jogighopa, Assam and the other at Rameshwarnagar, Bihar. The units are lying closed from March, 1983 and October, 1982 respectively, on account of problems relating to finance, management, raw material, power availability, infrastructural constraints etc.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Central Government have informed the Assam State Government that it is the responsibility of the State ment to reopen and revive the Paper Mills. The Central Government has offered to provide necessary assistance to the Government of Assam for the reopening of the Ashok Paper Mills, including the technical and managerial expertise of the Hindustan Paper Corporation.

On a referanCe mad .pany in June, 1987, the Board for Industrial and Financial reconstruction has declared Ashok Paper Mills as a Sick Industrial Company in terms of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 and has initiated necessary proceedings under the Act.